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Subject: IT Directive – Mainframe Software

A Mainframe Software Sub-committee was created with the goal to recommend a statewide mainframe software strategy where doing so will be cost-beneficial to the State in terms of licensing, timeliness and cost of implementation, support personnel and conversion requirement.

The committee compiled a list of mainframe software currently in use in seven departments (Public Safety, Division of Administration, Social Services, Education, Revenue, Labor, DOTD), including vendor, product, annual maintenance/lease cost, contract expiration dates, and merged the data to form one statewide mainframe software inventory. The committee then recommended the following mainframe software categories as candidates for an enterprise strategy:

- Billing / Chargeback
- Database
- DB2 Utilities and Tools
- Mainframe Operating System
- Middleware Report Management, Reporting Languages
- Mainframe Security
- Print Server
- Programming Languages
- Reporting Languages
- Sort
- Storage Management – DASD
- System Automation
- System Performance Monitors
- System Scheduler
- Transaction Processor

The committee's findings were reviewed by OIT and the Office of State Purchasing, and OIT supports the committee's recommendations. OIT will begin pursuing an enterprise strategy relative to software in each of the above categories.

The purpose of this directive is to inform agencies about this process and to assure continuity of new procurements. Therefore, effective immediately, and until further notice:

New products / agreements:

Agencies must obtain OIT approval before acquiring any new products or entering into any new agreements with the vendors who provide the mainframe software products in the above-listed categories, for any amount being expended (even if below \$100,000). A copy of the price quote and all supporting documentation (license agreement, contract, addenda, etc.) must be provided to OIT prior to purchase.

Software Maintenance Renewals (1 year):

Renewals of software maintenance for fiscal year 05-06 for products in the above-listed categories currently in production are permitted. A copy of the purchase order and all supporting documentation (license agreement, contract, addenda, etc.) must be provided to OIT at the time of purchase.

Software Maintenance Renewals (multi-year):

Agencies must obtain OIT approval before finalizing renewals of software maintenance for more than one fiscal year for products in the above-listed categories currently in production. A copy of the price quote and all supporting documentation (license agreement, contract, addenda, etc.) must be provided to OIT prior to purchase.

Excluded from consideration for action at this time are the following mainframe software categories:

- Change Management
- Printer Software
- RACF Administration
- Report Management
- Server Backups
- Storage Management – Optical
- Storage Management – TAPE
- System Backups

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